GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6473
ANSWERED ON:07.05.2003
HARASSMENT OF INDIAN DIPLOMAT IN PAKISTAN
SAVSHIBHAI MAKWANA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian High Commission in Islamabad sent two Notes Verbale in February, 2003, protesting against the incidents of harassment of Indian diplomat in Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of the Pakistan Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a&b) High Commission of India in Islamabad sent several Notes Verbale to Pakistan Foreign Office in February 2003, including two on February 19, 2003 protesting against the incidents of harassment of Indian diplomats in Pakistan. It reminded the Government of Pakistan of its obligations under the Vienna Convention of 1961 and the bilateral `Code of Conduct for Treatment of Diplomatic/Consular Personnel in India and Pakistan`, signed by the two countries in 1992 and asked it to take necessary action so that such harassment were not repeated.

(c) There has been no response from the Government of Pakistan to the above Notes Verbale.